

ABSTRACT

PLANER

A planer comprising a body comprising an aperture formed within it to accommodate a deflector; the body being mounted on a shoe, the shoe having an aperture formed through it; a cutting drum rotatably mounted within a recess formed by a wall within the body, a part of the periphery of the cutting drum 6 projecting through the aperture in the shoe; a motor mounted within the body to rotatably drive the cutting drum; at least one cutting blade mounted on the periphery of the drum capable of planing a work piece when the drum is rotating; an airflow generator which creates an air flow when the planer is in use within the body for use for entraining debris created by the cutting action of the blade to assist in the removal of the debris; directional means which directs the airflow within the body towards the area where the cutting blade cuts a work piece in order to entrain the debris in the airflow within the body for removal from the body; and a removable deflector for guiding the air flow and entrained debris from within the body to outside of the body; wherein there is a pivotal flap which is capable of being pivoted between a first position where the entrance is closed and a second position where it is open.